

Q. Do you know what amount it sold for? A. No.

Q. Did you have anything to do with the sale? A. I wanted to but did not. Captain Smith came there and made the trade. I was making a trade with the North Carolina Cotton and Oil Co. for the seed.

Q. How much did they offer you for the seed? A. They never made any offer, but were to be there next week to engage the seed, and wrote me that their agent would be there to see me, and wanted to handle those seed and give me the very top price in order to get them.

Q. Did you object to Mr. Smith making the sale the day he was there? A. I said: "I think you ought to give this other company a chance. They have been writing to me here." And he said: "No, I am selling it to Mr. Oliver." And Mr. Oliver came there with him. Mr. Oliver represented the Charlotte Oil Co.

Q. Do you know what price they sold for? A. I have the prices on the statement. The reason I came to have them myself I asked Mr. Oliver to please send me a statement of each car that was shipped him, and a check if he was going to send this direct to Captain Smith; to send me a statement so that to be some protection to myself.

Q. Did Mr. Oliver send you the statement as requested? A. Yes; but I went to his office first a month after that, and asked him. I sent the seed and I was responsible for it, and I did not know any more than you do what became of it, and I wanted a statement to show where my seed went.

Q. You did not get that statement until you went to Charlotte in person and asked for it? A. I did not.

Q. Were the checks sent direct to Captain Smith? A. Directly to him. That was his order.

(I will ask you to send me a statement of the account of this cotton seed properly sworn to before some party authorized to administer an oath.)

Q. Do you know what the cotton seed did bring that you shipped? A. Mr. Oliver's statement shows exactly what it brought.

Q. What about the wood cut there in 1897? A. The proceeds from the wood there in 1897 was considerable. It was wood cut in the winter time and shipped.

Q. You handled all these amounts yourself? Did you? A. Yes.

Q. Will you send this Committee a statement of the amount of wood you sold there in 1897 properly sworn to? A. I will.

Q. How many bales of cotton did you sell in 1898? A. To my best recollection 278 bales; besides, one of these bales was rent cotton.

Q. How was that cotton paid for? A. One hundred and fifty-six